

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A system for transforming XML items, the system comprising:  
a transformer that transforms one or more input XML items in a first format to one or more transformed XML items in one or more second formats, the one or more input XML items comprise a subset of XML items contained in a XML document; and  
an output manager that facilitates at least one of selectively pulling and pushing a subset of the one or more input ~~transformed~~ XML items prior to transforming the one or more input XML items.
2. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, the transformer comprises an action frame stack that holds one or more actions, an event state machine that tracks state associated with transforming the one or more XML items and an event processor that receives events generated in processing the one or more actions stored in the action frame stack.
3. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising a compiler that compiles one or more style sheets and produces one or more actions that can be employed by the transformer in processing associated with transforming the one or more input XML items.
4. (Previously presented) The system of claim 3, the compiler resolves one or more external references in the one or more style sheets.
5. (Previously presented) The system of claim 4, the input XML items are input from one or more data stores.

6. (Previously presented) The system of claim 5, further comprising an input abstracter that exposes data stored in the one or more data stores in a common representation.
7. (Previously presented) The system of claim 6, the input abstracter abstracts a reference to a node within an XPath document.
8. (Previously presented) The system of claim 7, the input abstracter exposes the data stored in the one or more data stores as a data model and infoset.
9. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8, the input abstracter provides a cursor model over data stored in a data store to facilitate presenting a stream of nodes to the transformer.
10. (Previously presented) The system of claim 9, the input abstracter provides a virtual node that can be employed to traverse the stream of nodes.
11. (Previously presented) The system of claim 10, the input abstracter is an XPathNavigator.
12. (Previously presented) The system of claim 6, further comprising a node selection abstractor that dynamically constructs a subset of input XML items from a set of input XML items, the subset of input XML items are responsive to a query.
13. (Previously presented) The system of claim 12, the node selection abstractor facilitates navigating the subset of input XML items.
14. (Previously presented) The system of claim 13, the node selection abstractor is an XPathNodeIterator.

15. (Previously presented) The system of claim 12, further comprising an optimized data store that stores one or more XML items in a manner that facilitates minimizing processing associated with constructing the subset of input XML items *via* a query.
16. (Previously presented) The system of claim 15, the optimized data store stores data in a data representation format that facilitates optimizing an XPath query.
17. (Previously presented) The system of claim 16, the data representation format comprises expanded XML entities, deleted XML declarations and DOM model data converted to XPath model data.
18. (Previously presented) The system of claim 17, the optimized data store is an XPathDocument.
19. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing computer executable components of a system for transforming XML items, the system comprising:
- a transforming component that transforms an input XML item from a first format to a transformed XML item in one or more second formats, the input XML item comprises a subset of one or more XML documents;
  - an output managing component that facilitates at least one of selectively pulling and pushing a subset of the input transformed XML items in advance of transforming the input XML items;
  - a compiling component that compiles a style sheet and that produces one or more actions that can be employed by the transforming component in processing associated with transforming the input XML item;
  - an input abstracting component that presents input XML items stored in one or more different representations to the transforming component in a common representation; and
  - a node selection abstracting component that dynamically constructs a

subset of input XML items from a set of input XML items, the subset of input XML items are responsive to a query.

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